

October 26th, 2011

To: Dennis McLerran / EPA Region 10 Administrator
US EPA Region 10
1200 Sixth Ave
Suite 900
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Government to Government Consultation with the EPA Region 10 Leadership:

Dear Mr. McLerran: Thank you for sending Mr. Rick Parkin and staff to Tyonek to meet with the Native Village of Tyonek during the summer of 2011. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet on a government to government basis and appreciate the important work of the US EPA in upholding the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts.

At this time, we would like to request a meeting with you directly. We would like to invite you to the Native Village of Tyonek during one of the following weeks. (December 5th – 9th, 2011, January 23rd – 27th, or Feb 6th – 9th, 2012).

The proposed Chuitna Coal Strip Mine and the flawed regulatory process in Alaska are of great concern and of national importance. We are having great difficulty ensuring that our input is integrated into decision making and securing government to government meetings with Senior Management with federal and state entities. Consequently we respectfully request you to meet with our Tribal Council in person to address what is already beginning to be a serious Environmental Justice issue on our traditional lands.

We are also planning to schedule a meeting with Administrator Lisa Jackson during the spring of 2012 to ensure that Headquarters is also aware that our survival is being threatened, as the proposed Chuitna Coal mine would remove 11 miles of a healthy salmon spawning area from the headwaters, and dredge 350 feet down – bank to bank. Our lives depend on the salmon runs on the Chuitna River.

We respectfully request your time and realize that you are very busy serving the entire Region. Again we thank you for your service and the work of the US EPA. We hope that we can meet with you in the near future. Please have your staff, work with our Advisor / Rob Rosenfeld (robrosey@gmail.com, (907)235-7528, or (907)388-2683) to schedule a time to meet this winter.

Thank you for your proactive consideration of this important request.

Sincerely:

President Frank Standifer III